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1. IN A RUNNING COMMENTARY DURING THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN INSTITUTE MEETING HERE, KINSHASA DAILY ELIMA HAS HAMMERED HOME THEME THAT A "FOUNDAMENTAL REVISION" OF US POLICY TOWARDS AFRICA IS NEEDED.

2. AS ELIMA INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS EDITOR BOLEMBO ATENGOLO NOTES: "WE BELIEVE...THAT AMERICA, WHICH UNDERTAKES VAST RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE WESTERN WORLD, WILL KNOW, CONTRARY TO THE SPIRIT WHICH INSPIRED THE VIOLENT SPEECH OF THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR AT THE UNITED NATIONS RIGHT AFTER THE U.S. VETO OF THE EXPULSION OF SOUTH AFRICA AT THE UNITED NATIONS, HOW TO PERSUADE THE LEADERS OF PRETORIA AND SALISBURY TO LISTEN TO REASON AND TO DECIDE AGAINST USELESS WARS OF WHICH THE ONLY CONSEQUENCE WILL BE TO LEAD TO HOSTILITY CAPABLE OF RENDERING IMPOSSIBLE ALL RACIAL COEXISTENCE IN
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THIS PART OF OUR CONTINENT."

3. ELIMA WRITER ACKNOWLEDGES THE CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE AMERICAN AID HAS PLAYED IN AFRICA. "BUT WITH WHAT INDIGNATION DID IT (AFRICA) WELCOME THE AMERICAN VETO OF THE PROJECTS TO EXPEL SOUTH AFRICA FROM THE UNITED NATIONS?... (OR) ITS REVOLT AT THE HARD LESSONS THAT THE AMERICAN DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS BELIEVED NECESSARY-- BECAUSE IT IS A MEMBER OF THE "AUTOMATIC MAJORITY". BETWEEN RICHES--WHICH HERE IS SYNONYMOUS WITH CORRUPTION-- AND SLAVERY, THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE. CAN AFRICA, WHICH HAS UNQUIVOCALLY MADE ITS CHOICE, ACCEPT SUCH BLACKMAIL?"

4. THE TIMEING OF THE CURRENT AAI-SPONSORED DIALOGUE IS EXCELLENT, THE ELIMA ARTICLE NOTES. NOW INDEED IS THE TIME FOR THE U.S. TO COME TO THE AID OF AFRICA IN ITS FIGHT AGAINST THE LAST VESTIGES OF COLONIALISM AND RACISM--" IT IS STILL NOT TOO LATE FOR THE UNITED STATES TO RESTORE ITS FORTUNES SERIOUSLY TARNISHED BY ITS GRAND ALLIANCE WITH THE ENEMIES OF THE AFRICAN PEOPLE." THE AAI CONFERENCE THUS GIVES THE US AN IDEAL OCCASION TO REALIZE THE NEED FOR A " FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE" IN ITS AFRICAN POLICY.

5. COMMENT: BOLEMBO'S ARTICLE CLOSELY FOLLOWS THEME OUTLINED AT AAI OPENING DAY BY PRESIDENT MOBUTU: THANKS FOR YOUR HELP IN THE PAST, BUT NOW IS THE TIME FOR A RADICAL CHANGE IN US POLICY TOWARDS AFRICA WFD ESPECIALLY THE RACIST REGIMES IN PRETORIA AND SALISBURY. OF NOTE, HOWEEVER, IS THE CONTINUING ATTACK OF THE ACTIONS AND STATEMENTS OF THE USUN DELEGATION AND AMB. SCALI.
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